



A Connecticut Human Service & Community Development Agency

*Building safe, healthy, caring communities;
Inspiring people to reach their fullest potential as
productive and valued citizens.*

PLEASE REINSTATE THE 62k CUT THAT THE GOVERNOR IS PROPOSING IN THE DEFICIT MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CONNECTION, INC'S HALLIE HOUSE WOMEN AND CHILDRENS CENTER, LOCATED IN MIDDLETOWN, CT..

The Connection Inc., Hallie House Women and Children's Center, located in Middletown, opened in 1991, and provides gender specific Residential treatment services for Substance abusing pregnant and postpartum women and their children in Connecticut. Hallie house was one of DMHAS' first Connecticut residential programs. Hallie house has been Nationally recognized as a model treatment program for women. Hallie House has served approximately 400 clients, and over 800 children since its inception. These women enter Hallie House for approximately a 9-12 month treatment stay with their children. They receive intensive case management services in order to work on their substance abuse, parenting, mental health, domestic violence, trauma, housing and educational issues. Upon graduation from Hallie House, our data shows that we have an 89% success rate.

Hallie House receives approximately 50 referrals per month, for women and children in desperate need of residential treatment services. The lack of residential treatment beds for women and children is a growing problem that Connecticut faces yearly. Residential treatment is a level of service that allows Women to bring their children in residence with them, in order to gain their lives back, and become valued citizens within our communities. Residential treatment Funding cuts only exasperate the many issues Substance abusing women and their children face, when seeking treatment beds. The Hallie House Women and Children's Center can not continue serving this fragile population, without appropriate FY funding. The Governors proposed 62K cut, will force us to stop adequately serving this much needed population!

Our services are allowing Women and Children to get out of the DCF system, and save the state monies on expensive services, other wise needed, if residential slots are not available.

Hallie House is BREAKING THE GENERATIONAL CYCLE OF ABUSE. We are allowing the children of the future a great opportunity to not be in the state welfare system!

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THANK YOU.**

